50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War: Commemorative Partner Program

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Commemorative Events Committee
2014
Presentation Outline

- Provide an overview of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.
- Present step-by-step instructions on how to become a 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Partner.
- Offer ideas for programs, activities and tributes to honor those who served.
- Provide information on how to obtain official Commemoration materials.
The United States of America
Vietnam War Commemoration

Service · Valor · Sacrifice
A Message From President General Lynn Forney

“State Societies and Chapters are encouraged to recognize the service, valor and sacrifice of a generation that served with honor in the Vietnam War. We pay tribute to the more than 3 million servicemen and women who answered our Country’s call and to those that awaited their safe return.”
NSDAR’s Partnership Goals:

- Each State Society and each Chapter will become a Commemorative Partner with the US 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration.
- Once a Commemorative Partner:
  - plan, conduct and report on two events each year during 2015 – 2017.
Paying Tribute To Those who Served

“Thank You For Your Service”

Please use this link to access the video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2L3skZ7FEw

(This video was produced by Inspiration Ministries, a Commemorative Partner, and is shared with permission.)
Become a Partner!
Partner Responsibilities

• During 2015 – 2017:
  - Plan and conduct at least two events and activities each year to thank and honor Vietnam War Veterans and their families.
  - Complete an after-action report to highlight your organization’s efforts and to share your great ideas with others!

• Events should meet one or more of the Commemorative Program Objectives.
Commemorative Program
Objectives

(1) To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, those held as POWs or listed as MIAs, and to thank and honor the families of veterans.

(2) To highlight the service of the Armed Forces and the contributions of Federal agencies, and governmental and non-governmental organizations.

(3) To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the USA.

(4) To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted.

(5) To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the USA.
How to get started...

• Go to the website:  
  http://www.vietnamwar50th.com
• Click on Commemorative Partner Program tab
• Click on “How to become a Partner” tab.
• Click on “Click here for Civilian Organization Application”.
• Submit your completed application to the Commemoration by online submission or mail.
• Complete your Statement of Understanding (DD form 2955) and then fax, scan and email, or mail a hard copy to the Commemoration.
Commemoration’s Commemorative Partner Program

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program

The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans’ organizations and other non-governmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families. Commemorative Partners are encouraged to participate in the Commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and activities that will recognize the Vietnam Veterans and their families’ service, valor, and sacrifice.

Events and activities should be dignified, memorable occasions that show a sensitivity and appreciation for the solemnity of war and the losses suffered by many. Commemorative Partners should communicate how their events will achieve the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program. Events or activities should meet one or more of the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program, and as a minimum, with an emphasis on objective one.

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with or in support of the Armed Forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

To become an official Commemorative Partner, organizations must submit an application and a signed Statement of Understanding. Applications are available at www.vietnamwar50th.com on the Commemorative Partner Program. The approval process is usually less than 30 days. Partners are kept informed through electronic notifications. Once approved as a Partner, the Commemoration will provide organizations with a starter kit of materials for developing and implementing their programs. Questions regarding the Commemorative Partner Program application process can be
Civilian Organization Application

CIVILIAN APPLICATION

Privacy Act Statement


PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): Multiple organization points of contact and contact information are necessary to allow DoD to communicate with the organization. The timeline of the commemoration lasts 13 years.

ROUTINE USE(S): Any release of information outside the DoD will be compatible with the purpose(s) for which the information is collected and maintained. The DoD Blanket Routine Uses found at http://www.ontime.org/privacy/50th/Blanket_routine_uses.html also may apply to this collection. ApplicableSORI: None. Records are retrieved only by organization name.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. However, failure to provide requested point of contact information may adversely affect the organization's acceptance as a commemorative partner.

Instructions

To apply to become a Commemorative Partner, please fill out the following information in as much detail as possible. Please type or print clearly.

Steps:
1. Use this form to list your organization's name and provide the names, addresses, email and telephone numbers of your committee's chairperson and point(s) of contact (POC).
2. Use Page 2 of this form to list the members of your Commemorative Committee. You may add as many as you like, but we require at least three members.
3. Use the submit button at the bottom of this form to email your application to: http://www.nps.gov/vietnam/vietnam_comm.html, fax to: 703-693-4691, or mail hard copies to:

Commemorative Partner Program Application - STEP 1

Civilian Organizations Application

Name ___________________________ Phone Number (Format: 123-456-7890) ___________________________ Street (include Suite Number) ___________________________
Instructions for State Societies

- Official Partner Name:
  - Your official Partner name is your State Society’s name.
  
  Example: Idaho State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

- “Committee Chairperson” should be your State’s Commemorative Events Chair.

- Point of Contact information:
  - Point of Contact #1 is your State Regent
  - Point of Contact #2 and #3 is a decision of your State Regent and State Commemorative Events Chair.
Chapter Instructions

• Official Partner Name:
  - Your official Partner name is your Chapter, followed by NSDAR
    Example: Liberty Bell Chapter, NSDAR

• “Committee Chairperson” should be your Chapter’s Commemorative Events Chair.

• Point of Contact information:
  - Point of Contact #1 is your Chapter Regent
  - Point of Contact #2 and #3 is a decision of your Regent and Commemorative Events Chair.
Questions on the Application

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1. Point of Contact
   - Name
   - Email Address
   - Telephone Number(s) (Include Area Code)
Completing Your Application

• Print a copy of your completed application before clicking “submit” for your own records.
• Complete your Statement of Understanding (DD form 2955) and then fax, scan and email, or mail.
• Please note, it takes about 2 to 3 weeks to receive your official partner confirmation with your password. Share the password and the “committee chairperson’s” email with those listed on the application as these are used to enter the Portal.
• Once you have received your confirmation you can log into the Partner Portal on the Commemoration’s website.
• Use the Portal to post your activities, order supplies, and report your events.
Commemorative Partners Login
NSDAR:
An Official Commemorative
Program Suggestions

• Present and post the Commemorative Flag at a State or Chapter meeting.
• Participate in a state or local Vietnam War Commemoration.
• Participate in local parades highlighting the Vietnam War and its Veterans.
• Identify local individuals who served during the Vietnam War and include them in your commemoration activities.
• Invite local officials and veterans to speak about their Vietnam War experience at one of your meetings.
• Conduct a wreath-laying ceremony to honor Vietnam War veterans at national, state and local cemeteries and at Vietnam Veteran War Memorials/Monuments. run, walk, or motorcycle event.
More Program Suggestions

• Host a luncheon for Vietnam Veterans and/or families and encourage guests’ participation in other activities. If possible, hold it at a veteran’s home, care facility or hospital.
• Display a Vietnam War exhibit at a local library, mall or county fair.
• Encourage youth organizations (such as C.A.R) to conduct and participate in Vietnam War Commemorations.
• Encourage youth/students to participate in a Vietnam War map, essay, poster or speech contest.
• Help to dedicate or rededicate a street, area or building to honor a Vietnam War Veteran or Vietnam War campaign.
• Honor the spouses of deceased Vietnam War Veterans with a Certificate of Honor from the US Commemoration.
• Present Vietnam Veterans with the new Official NSDAR Certificate to Honor and Thank the Veterans for their Service.
• Visit a VA Hospital and pass out Vietnam Veteran Stickers.
Vietnam War Commemorative Flag
Commemorative Items

Partner Certificate
Commemoration Give-Aways

Commemorative Buttons and Stickers
After Event Reporting
Official Commemorative Certificates are ordered through the US Commemoration Partner Portal

Four Types of Certificates of Honor are available:

1. Former Living Prisoner of War (POW)*
2. In “Memory of” (for immediate family members, spouse, children) a Veteran listed on the Vietnam War Memorial*
3. Deceased Spouse (only for the spouse of the Veteran)*
4. Unaccounted for and still Missing in Action (MIA)**

*30 day notice
**60 day notice
Certificates and Pins for Veterans

- NSDAR Certificates for Veterans:
  - Chapters and States, visit the NSDAR website and go to Commemorative Events, 50th Anniversary Vietnam War for the Instructions to print the new online Vietnam Veteran Certificate honoring their Valor, Service & Sacrifice.
  - Official Commemorative Pins for Veterans are available from the Vietnam War Commemoration.
Texas Society, DAR Honoring Veterans

Patriotic Prayer Breakfast:
Held to honor Vietnam War Veterans
Kentucky Society, DAR: Veteran Tribute
Idaho State Society, DAR: Partner Opportunity
Programs to Honor Veterans
DAR in Action!
Honoring our Vietnam War Veterans
Questions?

Please contact:
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  NSDAR, Commemorative Events Committee
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• United States of American Vietnam War Commemoration
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  (877) 387-9951
"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

Thank you